(b) the total sale of these drugs during 1994-95;

(c) whether it is a fact that only a few drugs are covered under wholesale price index;

(d) if so, the number of drugs and their names and the sale of these drugs during 1994-95; and

(e) the reasons for excluding other drugs which have much higher consumption and sale from wholesale price index?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO *FALEIRO): (a) and (b)* Marketing of drugs in the country is allowed by the Drugs Controller (India) under the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 from time to time and this is a continuous process. According to the Drugs Controller (India), new drugs allowed for marketing in the country during the period January, 1994 to 30th April, 1995 are 38. It is estimated that presently about 500 drugs in various dosage forms and combinations are used in the country.

The information regarding sales of these drugs is not maintained. However, it has been estimated that production of formulations based on these drugs during 1994-95 would be of the order of Rs. 7935 Crores.

(c) and (e) The selection of commodities covered under the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) is based on the recommendations of the Working Group constituted for the revision of Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices in India in April, 1982. A Working Group for the revision of current series of Wholesale Price Index Numbers (1981-82-100) has been set up.

Orders by Bombay High Court in the case of M/s. Hoechst

8371. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the orders issued by the Bombay High Court in the case of M/s. Hoechst and the time period upto which it was to be complied; and

(b) the present position in this case and the reasons for delay thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Bombay High Court has directed for the mutual exchange of data/information between the company and the Government for the purpose of finalisation of the liability and to give a hearing to the company in the matter.

(b) Government has constituted a *Three Member Committee headed by a retired* Delhi High Court Judge to examine the quantum of the liabilities against the defaulting drug companies, including M/s. Hoechst. xc

Mape on non-scheduled products

8372. SHRI SAT'SH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no limit to MAPE on non-scheduled products under DPCO 1987/95 and the extent of percentage to which MAPE is justified;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of instances of more than 500 MAPE being charged have come to the notice of Government, if so, the names of such products and the steps taken to reduce the prices; and

(c) what is the MAPE in such formulations at present and what are the price controlled formulations where they overcharged the prices Under DPCO, 1979, 1987 and 1995 together with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALIERO): (a) to (c) MAPE as stipulated in Drugs (Prices Control) Order of 1987 and 1995 (DPCO), is only in relation to calculation of prices of formulations which are based on price controlled bulk drugs as defined in the said